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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 612

AMEMBASSY ACCRA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LOME PRIORITY

UNCLAS LAGOS 6529

FROM WACASC

STATE FOR AF/EX

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, ASUP, DM, NI

SUBJ: WACASC TRUCK

REF: UNCLAS COTONOU 1198

1. WACASC OF OPINION GOD NEW BORDER CUSTOM PROCEDURES NOW SIMILAR  
MAJORITY WACASC SERVICED POSTS. THE HONEYMOON IS OVER.

2. WHAT GOD CUSTOMS REQUESTING IS DEFINITELY WITHIN THEIR RIGHT;  
TO INSPECT AND VERIFY CONTENTS OF OFFICIAL SUPPLIES, COMMISSARY  
ITEMS AND POUCHES AT PORT OF ENTRY. BORDER NO DIFFERENT THAN AIRPORT  
OR SEAPORT. POUCHES MOVE UNDER TERMS OF VIENNA CONVENTION,  
COUNTRY TO COUNTRY, NOT OPENED BUT COUNTED AND VERIFIED AGAINST  
THE SHIPPING DOCUMENTS ONLY.

3. NIGERIAN CUSTOMS, AT WACASC COMPOUND, INSPECT AND VERIFY MANIFEST  
AND SEAL TRUCK BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR BORDER. WACASC TRUCK MAY ALSO BE  
OPENED AND INSPECTED UPON RETURN TRIP INTO NIGERIA (THIS IS REASON  
YOUR, ACCRA AND LOME ACCURATE MANIFEST MUST BE WITH WACASC DRIVER  
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FOR RE ENTRY NIGERIA) THIS PROCEDURE SIMPLIFIES BORDER CROSSING EACH

WAY. NORMALLY, UNDER THIS PROCEDURE, NIGERIA CUSTOMS WAIVES INSPECTIO  
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4. WACASC RECOMMENDS:

A. PADLOCK NO LONGER USED.

B. AUTHORIZE GOD CUSTOMS BREAK NIGERIAN CUSTOMS SEAL TO INSPECT

AND VERIFY TRUCK CONTENTS AGAINST WACASC MANIFEST. (THIS SHOULD  
PROCLUDE NECESSITY FOR GOD CUSTOMS TO ACCOMPANY TRUCK TO COONOU  
OR EMBASSY OFFICER TO MEET TRUCK AT BORDER).

C. PER YOUR REFERENCE 2 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPLISHED LATER.

5. AS THIS INCIDENT CONCERNS WACASC TRUCK WITH CARGO DESTINED COTONOU  
ONLY WHAT ASSURANCE CAN COTONOU OFFER, RE SPLIT SHIPMENT AND OR FULL  
TRUCK LODAS DESTINED LOME AND ACCRA AND RETURN, THAT TRUCK WILL BE  
ALLOWED TO CROSS GOD BORDERS WITHOUT SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES.

6. UPON POST REQUEST WACASC DIRECTOR WILLING TO OFFER ADVICE AND  
ASSISTANCE IN CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY AND GOOD CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN  
EFFORT RESOLVE PROBLEM RAISED PARA 5, ABOVE.

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